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The document presents, in table form, data on the pre-center characteristics of 46 student families in the Mountain-Plains program in September and October 1974. The characteristics include: family demography, racial origin, educational level, previous training, average number and length of jobs, employment status, salaries and income, welfare and other assistance, insurance, debts, savings, community organization and volunteer activities, housing status and housing and utility expenses, voting record, family mobility, and need for various services. Also tabulated are the results of a comprehensive test of basic skills in language, math, reading, and study skills for the 46 heads of household and 34 spouses. The document concludes with tables showing demographic data for the Mountain-Plains program participants compared with regional and national statistics. (NH)

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POINTS OF INTEREST:

1. Family Input - During the months of September and October, a total of 46 families entered the Mountain-Plains Program. This figure compares with 100 families for the months of July and August.

2. Marital Status - Single parent families represented 26% of the incoming families, down 5.9% from the previous two months. The cumulative figure rose to 19.07% - an increase of .48% from the last reported figures.

3. Average Number of Jobs During the Past Three Years - The HOH averaged 2.68 jobs during this time period - an average of .85 jobs less than the cumulative average of 3.53.

4. Average Length of Job - The HOH averaged 43.39 weeks per job - an increase of 9.84% over the previous two months, and resulted in an increase of 6.88% in the cumulative average.

5. Average Family Income from Employment in the Past Year - The September-October average equalled $3,292.32 - an increase of 14.85% over the previous two month figures. The cumulative figure rose to $3,050.63 - up .48%.

6. The Gross Amount of Debts Payable Over Next 12 Months - September-October figures rose 15.2% to $940.32. Cumulative figures also rose 2.38% to $681.98.

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STUDENT FAMILY
PRE-CENTER CHARACTERISTICS

September - October

					RECEIVED THUS FAR		
		No.	%	% Change Last Report	No.	%	% Change Last Month
1.	Families Per State:						
	Montana	10	21.74	+9.74	118	16.19	+.38
	North Dakota	10	21.74	+3.74	120	16.46	+.35
	South Dakota	6	13.04	-5.96	121	16.60	-.24
	Wyoming	4	8.70	-7.30	129	17.70	-.60
	Idaho	11	23.91	+4.91	122	16.74	+.49
	Nebraska	5	10.87	-5.13	119	16.32	-.37
2.	Single Parent Families:	12	26.09	-5.91	139	19.07	+.48
3.	Average Family Size:	3.61		+ .17	3.63		.00
4.	Marital Status - HOH:						
	Married	34	73.91	+5.91	590	80.93	-.48
	Divorced	8	17.39	-7.61	94	12.89	+.30
	Separated	0	.00	-2.00	18	2.47	-.17
	Single	4	8.70	+4.70	22	3.02	+.38
	Widowed	0	.00	-1.00	5	.69	-.04
5.	Number of Children:	86			1337		
6.	Average Number of Children Per Household:	1.87		+ .11	1.83		-.01
7.	Average Age - HOH:	26.02		- .78	26.73		-.05
8.	Average Age - Spouse:	23.71		+1.04	23.24		+.03
9.	Average Age - Children:	5.33		- .18	5.35		.00
10.	Ages By Range - HOH:						
	15-17	0	.00	-2.00	9	1.24	-.08
	18-21	12	26.07	+4.07	181	24.93	+.08
	22-30	25	54.35	+5.35	352	48.49	+.40
	31-44	9	19.57	-5.43	164	22.59	-.20
	45-64	0	.00	-2.00	20	2.75	-.19
11.	Ages By Range - Children:						
	6 weeks - 2 years	28	32.56	+ .74	491	36.89	-.30
	3-5 years	23	26.74	-1.67	318	23.89	+.20
	6-12 years	27	31.40	.42	392	29.45	+.13
	13-15 years	5	5.81	.44	88	6.61	.06
	16-19 years	3	3.49	+1.79	42	3.16	+.03

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		September - October					
					RECEIVED THUS FAR		
		No.	%	% Change Last Report	No.	%	% Change Last Month
12.	Persons with Disabilities:	2	2.50	- .48	68	5.78	- .24
13.	Veterans - HOH:	14	31.11	+ 1.11	190	30.84	+ .02
14.	Families of Racial Minority:	7	15.22	- 2.78	155	21.26	- .01
	Indian	5	71.43	+15.87	112	74.17	- .14
	Latin American	1	14.29	-13.49	36	23.84	- .47
	Black	1	14.29	+14.29	3	1.99	+ .60
15.	Persons of Racial Minority:	16	9.64	- 3.73	483	18.21	- .58
	Indian	14	87.50	+18.27	355	74.90	+ .45
	Latin American	2	12.50	-18.27	115	24.26	- .41
	Black	0	.00	.00	4	.84	- .03
16.	Average Educational Grade Completed - Adults:						
	HOH	11.13		+ .49	10.81		+ .02
	Spouse	10.88		+ .27	11.55		- .04
17.	Educational Grade Level Completed - Adults:						
	Less than 8th	1	1.25	- .56	40	3.09	- .13
	8th	4	5.00	- 6.45	118	9.13	- .27
	9 - 11th	32	40.00	- 4.58	537	41.53	- .10
	12th	38	47.50	+ 6.54	541	41.84	+ .37
	12+	5	6.25	+ 5.05	57	4.41	+ .12
18.	Had Previous Classroom Vocational Training:						
	HOH	13	28.26	+ .26		26.75	+ .10
	Spouse	8	23.53	+ 8.82		17.39	+ .40
19.	Average Number of Jobs During Past 3 Years:						
	HOH	2.68		+ .01	3.53		- .05
	Spouse	1.90		- .01	2.12		- .01
20.	Average Length of Jobs:						
	HOH	43.39		+ 9.84	21.58		+6.88
	Spouse	32.50		+ 8.50	18.12		+ .86

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September - October

				RECEIVED THUS FAR		
	No.	%	% Change Last Report	No.	%	% Change Last Month
21. Employment Status at Time of Entry - HOH:						
Employed Full Time	17	36.96	- 3.25	266	37.89	- .07
Employed Part Time	0	.00	.00	28	3.99	- .28
Unemployed	29	63.04	+ 3.25	408	58.12	+ .35
22. Employment Status at Time of Entry - Spouse:						
Employed Full Time	6	18.18	- .57	89	16.33	+ .12
Employed Part Time	0	.00	.00	26	4.77	- .31
Unemployed	27	81.81	+ .56	430	78.90	+ .19
23. If Unemployed, Looking for Work:						
HOH	23	79.31	+12.04		79.60	- .02
Spouse	6	21.43	+ 2.20		20.52	+ .07
24. Average Number of Weeks Unemployed in Past Year:						
HOH	24.63		+ 2.03	21.33		+ .24
Spouse	40.91		+ 1.34	40.89		+ .01
25. Average Monthly Salary on Jobs Over Past 3 Years:						
HOH	473.34		+12.21	395.55		+1.26
Spouse	319.95		+12.40	269.64		+1.14
26. Average Family Income from Employment in Past Year:	3292.32		+14.85	3050.63		+ .48
27. Received Welfare Over Past Year:	26	56.52	+ 8.52	289	39.23	+ .72
General Assistance	3	11.54	+ 5.16	44	15.22	- .37
Old Age Assistance	0	.00	.00	0	.00	.00
Aid to Blind	0	.00	.00	0	.00	.00
Medical	2	7.69	- 7.20	29	10.03	- .24
Other	0	.00	- 6.38	23	7.96	- .79
Child Care	0	.00	- 2.13	5	1.73	- .17
Aid to Disabled	0	.00	- 4.26	66	22.84	-2.26
Aid to Dep. Children	21	80.77	+14.81	122	42.22	+3.82
28. Received Unemployment Compensation Over Past Year:	6	13.04	- 1.10	94	14.24	- .09
29. Received Commodities Over Past 12 Months:	2	4.35	- 2.65	110	17.89	-1.09

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	September - October			RECEIVED THUS FAR		
	No.	%	% Change Last Report	No.	%	% Change Last Month
30. Received Food Stamps Over Past 12 Months:	26	56.52	+ 3.52	364	59.48	- .24
31. Received Free School Lunches Over Past 12 Months:	2	4.35	- 5.65	60	9.80	- .45
32. Average Food Stamp Payment:	56.87		+15.12	43.26		+1.36
33. Gross Amount of Debts Payable Over Next 12 Months:	940.32		+15.20	681.98		+2.38
34. Have Investments:	4	8.70	+ .70	27	5.78	+ .32
35. Use Family Budget:	19	41.30	-11.70		41.22	+ .01
36. Have Savings Account:	10	21.74	- 2.26	129	18.81	+ .22
Grown in Past 2 Months	3	33.33	-19.61	35	34.31	- .10
Decreased in Past 2 Months	4	44.44	+ 3.26	50	49.02	- .44
Constant	2	22.22	+16.34	17	16.67	+ .54
37. Have Family Medical Insurance:	13	28.26	+ 5.26	142	23.51	+ .39
38. Have Life Insurance:						
HOH	11	23.91	+ 1.91	136	20.18	+ .28
Spouse	3	8.82	- 7.36	72	13.12	- .28
39. Belong to a Community Organization:						
HOH	2	4.35	-10.65	106	15.34	- .78
Spouse	2	5.88	- 7.55	68	12.17	- .40
40. Hold Office in Community Organization:						
HOH	0	.00	- 6.67	22	20.37	-1.20
Spouse	1	33.33	+33.33	11	18.33	+ .79
41. Participated in Volunteer Activity in Past Month:						
HOH	1	2.17	- 5.83	56	7.97	- .40
Spouse	4	11.77	+ 4.42	32	5.55	+ .39
42. Contacted Public Official in Attempt to Improve Community Conditions:						
HOH	2	4.35	+ 2.27	40	5.69	- .09
Spouse	2	5.88	+ 2.94	38	6.14	- .01

September - October

				RECEIVED THUS FAR		
	No.	%	% Change Last Report	No.	%	% Change Last Month
43. Voted in Past Year:						
HOH	9	19.57	- 2.43	92	20.81	- .15
Spouse	6	17.65	+ 5.89	63	16.80	+ .08
44. Participated in Family Recreational Activities:	42	91.30	- 1.33	589	90.06	+ .09
45. Status of Housing:						
Own	7	15.22	+ 1.68	61	8.74	+ .46
Rent	29	63.04	- 5.71	508	72.78	- .69
Live with Friends/ Relatives	10	21.74	+ 4.03	129	18.48	+ .23
46. Average Housing Payment Per Month:	88.09		+ .24	77.70		+ .93
47. Average Utility Payment Per Month:	31.96		- 5.56	30.84		+ .26
48. Live in Government Subsidized Housing:	4	9.52	+ 4.09	22	6.40	+ .44
49. Average Number of Rooms:	4.96		+ .71	4.33		+ .05
50. Children Over 5 Sleeping in Parent's Bedroom:	2	5.88	+ .32	31	6.33	- .03
51. Have Indoor Flush Toilet:	43	93.48	- 4.39	640	94.26	- .05
52. Have Telephone:	24	52.17	-10.20	332	48.40	+ .27
53. House Type:						
1	1	2.33	+ 1.13	5	.88	+ .12
2	1	2.33	+ 1.13	12	2.10	+ .02
3	9	20.93	+ 7.68	74	12.96	+ .65
4	12	27.91	-14.26	171	29.95	- .16
5	14	32.56	+10.87	145	25.39	+ .58
6	2	4.65	-13.42	110	19.26	-1.19
7	4	9.30	+ 6.89	54	9.46	- .01
54. Dwelling Area Type:						
1	1	2.33	+ 1.13	6	1.07	+ .10
2	1	2.33	- .08	14	2.50	- .01
3	10	23.26	+14.83	59	10.52	+1.06
4	15	34.88	-13.31	213	37.97	- .25
5	10	23.26	+ 7.60	133	23.71	- .04
6	3	6.98	-12.30	83	14.80	- .64
7	3	6.98	+ 2.16	53	9.46	- .19

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September - October

				RECEIVED THUS FAR		
	No.	%	% Change Last Report	No.	%	% Change Last Month
55. Average Number of Times Moved in Past 5 Years:	1.65		+.22	2.63		- .04
56. Lived Out of State in Past 5 Years:	10	21.74	-14.52	291	44.02	- 1.67
57. Take Newspaper:	17	36.96	- .80	265	39.49	- .19
58. Take Magazine:	14	30.44	+10.03	122	27.85	+ .30
59. Have Family Doctor:	34	73.91	- 1.35	485	70.19	+ .27
60. Feel Need for Health Services:	13	28.26	- 6.79	258	37.61	- .67
61. Type of Health Services Needed:						
Dental	7	43.75	+11.19	153	50.66	- .39
Optical	3	18.75	+ 2.47	72	23.84	- .29
Medical	5	31.25	-10.61	69	22.85	+ .47
Psychological	1	6.25	- 3.05	8	2.65	+ .20

COMPREHENSIVE TEST OF BASIC SKILLS

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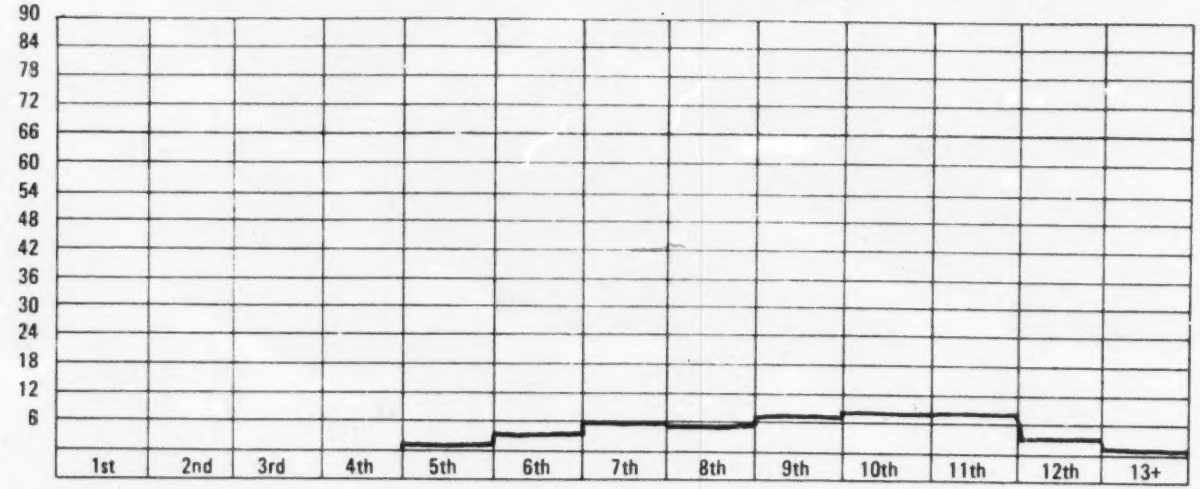
Number of
Heads of Household 46

Average Grade Equivalent:

This Month = 9.15

Thus Far = 9.227*



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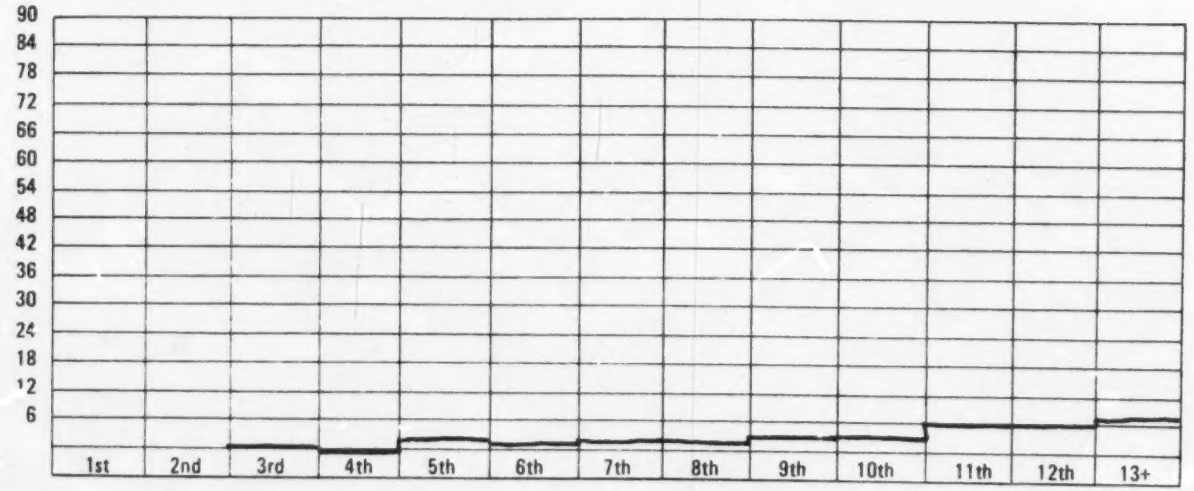
Number of Spouses 34

Average Grade Equivalent:

This Month = 10.24

Thus Far = 9.274**



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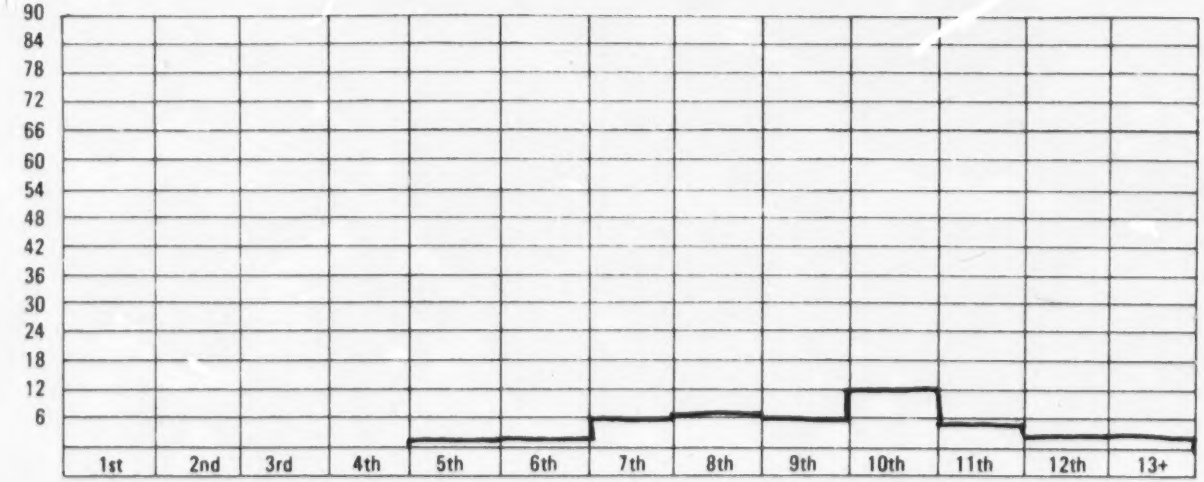
**N=523

COMPREHENSIVE TEST OF BASIC SKILLS

Number of
Heads of Household 46



Average Grade Equivalent:

This Month = 9.23

Thus Far = 9.025*

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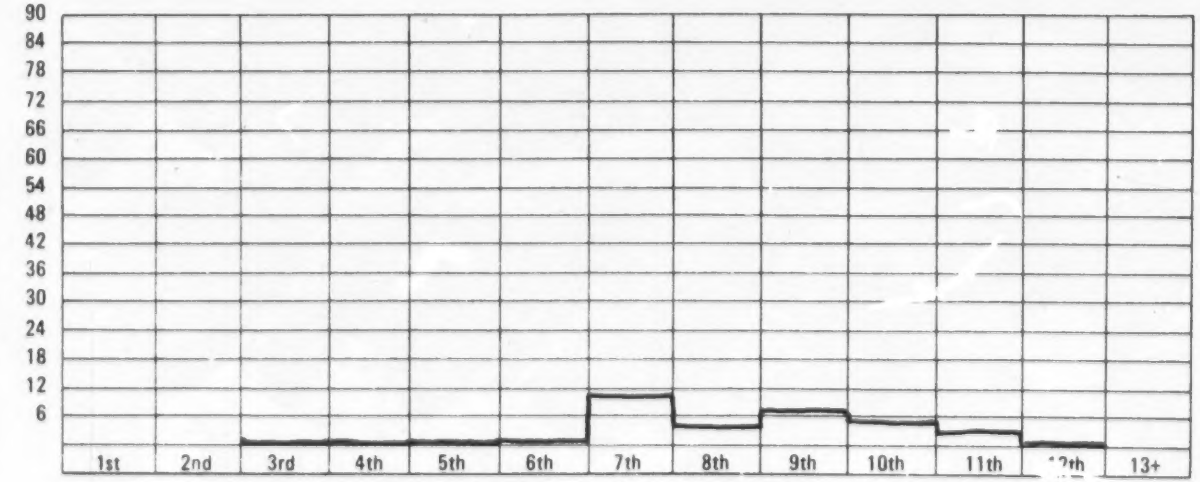

Number of Spouses 34

Average Grade Equivalent:

This Month = 8.18

Thus Far = 8.647**

*N=693
**N=523

COMPREHENSIVE TEST OF BASIC SKILLS

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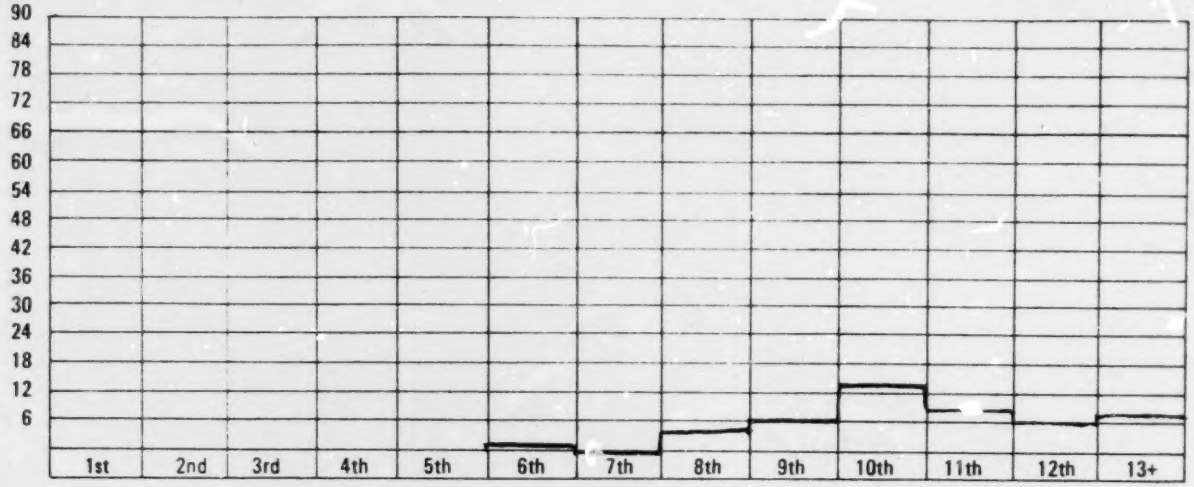
Number of
Heads of Household 46

Average Grade Equivalent:

This Month = 10.50

Thus Far = 10.028*



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Number of Spouses 34

Average Grade Equivalent:

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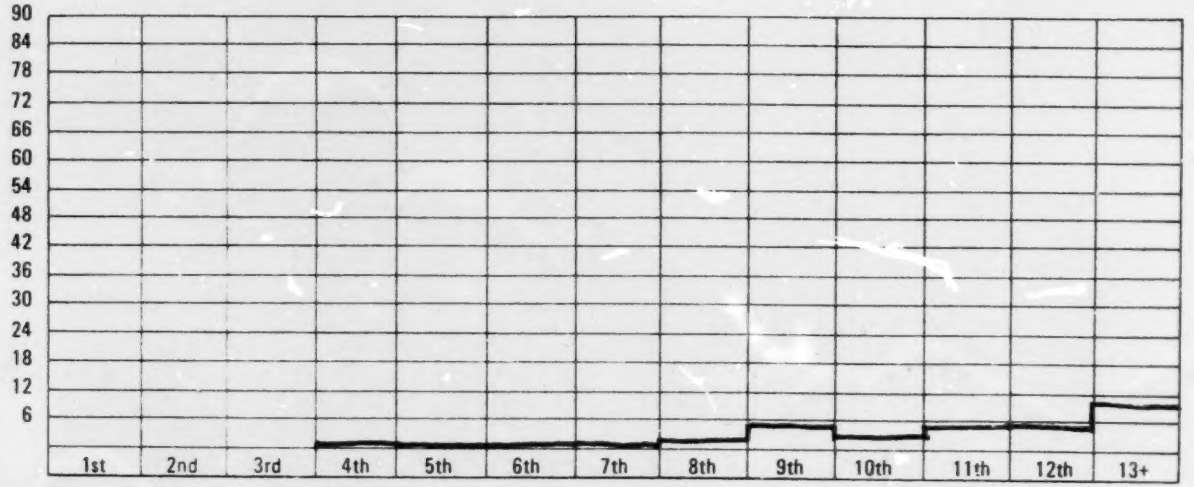
Thus Far = 10.102**



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COMPREHENSIVE TEST OF BASIC SKILLS

Number of
Heads of Household 46

Average Grade Equivalent:

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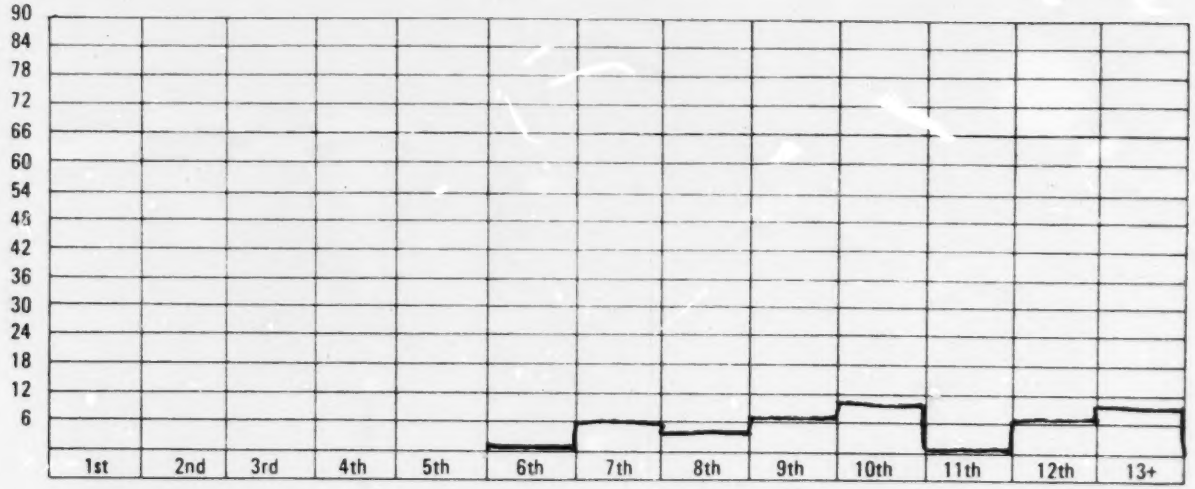
Thus Far = 8.965*



STUDY SKILLS

Number of Spouses 34

Average Grade Equivalent:

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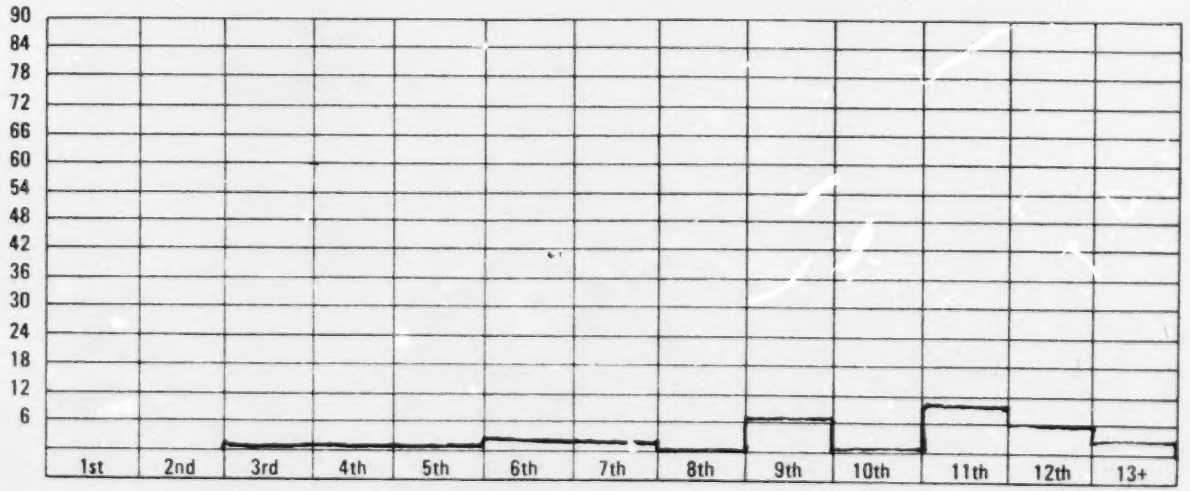
Thus Far = 9.662**



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**N=523

MOUNTAIN-PLAINS IN COMPARISON TO REGIONAL* AND NATIONAL** STATISTICS IN SELECTED AREAS

		September - October		
		M-P	Regional	National
1.	Persons Per Household	3.63	3.20	3.17
2.	Married Heads of Households	80.93		
3.	Divorced Heads of Households	12.89		
4.	Separated Heads of Households	2.47		
5.	Ages by Range for Head of Household			
	Under 25	50.00		6.90
	25 - 34	36.96		20.70
	35 - 44	13.04		21.10
	45 - 54	.00		21.10
	55 - 64	.00		16.20
	65 +	.00		13.80
6.	Mean Educational Grade Completed			
	HOH	10.81	12.20	12.20
	Spouse	11.55		
7.	Mean Family Income	3050.63		12,153.00 (1973)
8.	Per Capita Income	840.39	3304.00	3910.00
9.	Persons Below Poverty Line	73.91	*1.90	**12.30
10.	Persons Receiving Commodities	17.89	1.80	2.10
11.	Persons Using Food Stamps	59.48	2.60	3.20
12.	Persons Receiving General Assistance	15.22	.04	.27
13.	Families Receiving ADC	42.22	.23	4.10
14.	Average Monthly ADC Payment	216.05	174.00	187.00
15.	Households With Telephone Service	48.40	90.00	90.00
16.	Households With Plumbing Facilities	94.26	91.10	93.10

*Regional statistics are determined by averaging statistics for the 6 states served by M-P.

**All regional and national statistics are for the year 1970 unless otherwise indicated.

September - October

	M-P	Regional	National
17. Monthly Rent - % by Range			
No Cash	22.22		6.00
$1 - 39	2.78		8.00
$40 - 59	6.94		13.00
$60 - 79	23.61		18.00
$80 - 99	14.58		15.00
$100 - 119	11.81		11.00
$120 - 149	12.50		14.00
$150 - 199	4.86		10.00
$200 +	.69		5.00
18. Median Monthly Rent	64.44		90.00
Mean Monthly Rent	77.70		